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City's Community Foundation Announces Its First Grants

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has made its first grant awards for a total of \$2,950. The Ridge Writers Associated will receive \$2,500 to publish Iguana Review #9, a literary journal featuring the work of local writers and artists. The New Deal Café will receive \$450 to provide one

year of free wireless access in the café and in the public portion of Roosevelt Center.

The Foundation received seven proposals in its first award cycle. It aims to promote cooperative projects that reflect the historic legacy and ideals of the original Greenbelt plan.

The Foundation has raised \$68,995 in contributions from many Greenbelt residents and businesses. It seeks to fund projects that can be completed in one year. Key applicants include non-profit corporations, not-for-profit cooperative organizations and associations or working groups that work with a qualifying organization.

The Foundation began its second grant proposal cycle July 15. Submission deadline is September 15; awards are to be announced in December for projects beginning in January. Up to \$31,000 will be available in individual grants to \$4,000. For a grant application write to Greenbelt Community Foundation, P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

The Foundation is chaired by Sylvia Lewis; treasurer is Tom White. Other board members include Carol Shaw, Leta Mach, Barbara Simon, Dan Hamlin, Alan Turnbull, Marc (Kap) Kapastin and Bill Duncan.



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Joseph P. Harris of Iguana Review and Peter May and Dorian Winterfeld of the New Deal Café with Barbara Simon of the Greenbelt Community Foundation distributing the checks.

Goddard Looks to Inner Space With Green Sciences Building

by Brian St. George

"Space matters," said Dr. Laura Leshin, director of Sciences and Exploration, at the groundbreaking ceremony for the 200,000 square foot Exploration and Sciences Building. Leshin is the youngest director of science in the history of Goddard. She said that though NASA scientists like outer space, inner space is important, too. She indicated that laboratories and office space can either hinder or help the collaboration that has been central to the achievements at Goddard.

Leshin said that this new "green building," the largest at NASA, will enhance that teamwork and collaboration. She stated that many of the breakthroughs in physics have had direct positive impacts on GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

She also said a reason why many scientists choose to work at Goddard is that they accomplish more through the collective effort than on their own. She also recognized the contributions of her colleagues who were instrumental in bringing the project together.

Flexible configuration of lab space, larger windows and specially designed meeting spaces are all geared toward fostering advancement in Exploration Sciences. The new facility will focus the power of the 500 employees of the Astrophysics Science Division and the Solar Systems Exploration Division.

The building, designed by Ewing Cole, a Philadelphia based

firm with offices in Washington, D.C., received a Silver Certification in LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), from the U.S. Green Building Council. The rating takes into consideration issues of energy use, water use, interior air quality, as well as materials used in construction. The ratings are Silver, Gold and Platinum with Platinum being the highest rating possible.

A second speaker, Representative Steny Hoyer, received applause from the assembled NASA employees for his efforts on their behalf over the years. He was characterized by Director Dr. Edward J. Weiler as a consensus builder in Congress.

Hoyer also stressed the value of collaboration and teamwork to achieve objectives. He mentioned that he and Representative Nancy Pelosi are working to make the Capitol and associated buildings more green; i.e., more energy efficient. He indicated that investments in buildings like this are really investments in the people, now and in the future.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach were seated in the VIP section.

Hologram Display

After the dirt was thrown, most vigorously by Hoyer, everyone returned to the Visitor Center where Leshin presented a tour of the galaxies on a very cool hologram projector. Referring to herself as a "Mars Girl," she

indicated that it is her preferred planet to visit.

The hologram showed the effects of rising ocean levels as a result of melting polar ice caps, caused by industrial CO₂, from 1 meter to 6 meters of ocean rise. If we rise to 1 meter, we only lose Ocean City; if we go all the way to 6, then everyone in Annapolis will have to move.

In addition, since 2003 Goddard has quietly been leading the way in energy efficiency through the use of landfill gas from the Sandy Hill Landfill in Bowie. Methane from the landfill, piped into adapted boilers, provides

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What Goes On

Monday, July 23

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Employee Benefits, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, July 24

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Room 103

Friday, July 27

8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Saturday, July 28

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard



City Champions and National League Champions
Back row, left to right: Coach F. Kellaher, Manager G. Fisanich and Coach R. Haselton. Second row: D. Daniels, D. Lopez, B. Browning, S. Haselton, G. Rothgeb and J. Eggleston. Front row: K. Down, C. Fahey, B. Kellaher, J. Martinez and R. Heggy.

Indians Win Greenbelt Baseball Championship

by Greg Fisanich, Manager

The Indians are the 2007 city champions!

The National League Champion Indians defeated the American League Champion Giants to win the 2007 Greenbelt Baseball City Championship. The Indians, sponsored by Generous Joe's Subs and Pizza, won two games to zero in a best-two-of-three series versus the Giants, sponsored by the Sons of American Legion Squadron #136. Game #1 was won by the Indians 8 to 6 in eight innings. The Giants, led by pitcher Brian Clarke, struck out 16 Indians batters in six innings. Indians catcher Stephen Haselton, who was 6 for 6 in the series, scored four of the eight runs.

Strong defensive plays by the pitcher and first baseman Joe Justin kept the game tied at 6 to 6 after six innings. Indians relief pitcher Doel Lopez struck out the side in the seventh and eighth innings and hit a two-run single in the top of the eighth to secure the win.

Game #2 was won by the Indians 16 to 7. The game was tied 2 to 2 after the first inning. Giants pitcher Jack Cheney struck out seven batters and a great catch and double play by second baseman Josh Hamilton kept the game close.

Eventually the Indians bats were too much to overcome, pounding out 13 hits and a nine-run fifth inning to firmly pull ahead. Indians pitcher Doel Lopez ended with seven strike outs before turning the mound over to the capable arm of Josh Eggleston, who struck out six batters to secure the save. A ground ball to first baseman Brian Kellaher and a tag of the bag ended the games.

As is the custom, both teams lined up in a show of sportsmanship and shook hands.

Thanks to both teams for a great season and a special thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers.



American League Champions
Second row, left to right: Manager R. Wilson, J. Justin, Coach G. Pracht, M. Goodman, C. Pracht and Coach J. Cheney. Front, left to right: S. Fattori, D. Darden, D. Gaughan, J. Hamilton, J. Cheney, P. Ruiz and M. Carter-Ways.

Editorial

Police Blotter – What We Do and Why

Questions have been received about the News Review’s policies regarding the Police Blotter. We thought it would be useful to summarize our policies and practices.

The News Review obtains its information from the weekly report prepared by the Greenbelt Police Department. We edit this report, as we edit every article.

A description of a suspect that is overly general, giving only race, gender and age, does not aid in the identification of any individual. Therefore, the News Review does not publish such information. This is a common practice among news organizations and we believe it is the right one. We do publish race if there is more specific information, such as approximate age, height and weight or build.

We also reorder the incidents from that provided by the police, who categorize by geographic area. The News Review chooses to place the most serious crimes at the top of the story, starting with crimes against people such as rape, assault and strong-arm robbery, followed by drug crimes, crimes against property and, lastly, vehicle crimes. The location where the crime occurred is reported for each incident at the beginning of the paragraph.

We have also heard complaints that we do not publish all of the crimes in Greenbelt. We publish most crimes listed in the weekly report. We exclude drug possession and other arrests involving vehicles stopped on a major highway involving nonresidents. These vehicles, in most cases, are merely passing through Greenbelt. Drug arrests occurring on city streets or involving Greenbelt residents are reported. The object of the Blotter is to warn residents of potential danger in their neighborhood.

Recent weekly reports are shorter than in past years. They include this introductory statement: “It is intended to give an overview of the criminal activity within Greenbelt and is not a complete listing of all events and crime reported to the Greenbelt Police Department.” We have been unable to determine to what extent incidents are excluded from the weekly report by the police department.

Another issue is our omission of the names of those arrested. We print the names of those charged with major crimes. In these cases, we usually report the item in a separate story, not the Police Blotter. We do not print the names of those arrested for less serious crimes. If we print the name, then we have an obligation to follow the story, reporting its ultimate disposition. We can only do this for serious crimes.

We hope that this helps our readers more clearly understand our policies and procedures regarding crime reporting.

Letters to the Editor

Newspaper’s Policy Is Public Disservice

Several disturbing policies and practices of the Greenbelt News Review disserve the community.

By long-standing editorial policy, News Review staff routinely conceal from readers the race of violent criminals. Explaining the rationale, the editor told me that when a description released by police is deemed too vague (a common interpretation) the News Review omits any reference to the race of suspects, in order to “avoid giving the appearance that all criminals are black.” This is done even if the race of assailants is quite certain to both police and victims.

But if the descriptions in question are insufficiently specific to be useful, then why does the News Review print all other details of the description – gender, age, clothing – if not to conceal the omission? Is the NR prepared to keep all details of wanted criminals from the public, supplanting its judgment for the professional opinions of our police and denying residents the chance to apply their unique knowledge? However well-intentioned, how is this practice acceptable when suspects are still at large within our community?

Nowhere in the pages of the paper are omissions noted nor is the policy printed. When removed, perhaps the News Review should insert “[race omitted]” in each of its descriptions of criminals?

Equally troubling is the News Review’s ongoing practice of omitting from city press releases the names of criminals arrested in town – names furnished by the police to the public, in part, to alert neighbors to drug dealers or violent people living among us.

It is hard to imagine the Washington Post suppressing the names of criminals arrested in the District of Columbia, so why does it happen here? Frankly, this practice seems more befitting the CIA than our local newspaper. “Extraordinary rendition” becomes, for the News Review, “ordinary edition” – and the facts are “disappeared.”

Is this the proper role of a newspaper?

Why, too, does the News Review re-categorize the weekly police listing by neighborhood of recent crimes, removing the geographic categories and making it more difficult for readers to promptly locate incidents or patterns in or near their own block or court? How is this a service to readers?

In sum, why does the News Review feel it is acceptable to omit or obscure descriptions of wanted assailants, the names of arrested predators and basic information from local government about the health of our neighborhoods? How can this community begin to contend with issues of racism and crime in a fact-based manner when our local paper thinks it appropriate, albeit for the noblest of motives, to regularly conceal the truth?

Andy Carruthers

Beautiful Tribute For Jane Love

The memorial to Jane Love on July 14 was a beautiful tribute planned by her son Doug Love.

A charming little girl began the reading of Jane’s memoirs, reminiscing back to about age six. She was followed by many more readers, from the very young to the very old, friends and members of the church that Jane and Doug attended for many years.

Throughout the readings there was a backdrop display of pictures of Jane, her many homes, her considerable accomplishments. There were poems and music interspersed throughout the offerings.

Jane’s writings are often funny, sometimes sad, even tragic, but always interesting. They chronicle the long life (92 years) of a woman of remarkable strength, courage and faith. They also reflect the history of the times in which she lived.

The memoir can be accessed on www.mygreenbelt.com/memoirs/greenbelt.htm

Lucie MacKinnon
(Jane’s next-door neighbor)

More Bridges, Not Fewer

No one can be more afraid of the Spellman Overpass and crime than I am. But I agree with Mayor Judith Davis, Sheldon Goldberg, Sylvia Lewis and so many others who I believe would never agree to close the overpass for even one minute out of every 24 hours, let alone the 8 to 24 hours a day some are proposing.

I am confident that the mayor would be joined in this stance by every member of the city council and every member of the city advisory committees or boards and every community leader in every sector of the city and by the majority of citizens in Greenbelt.

The compromise position everyone should be pushing for here is to have cameras and telephone “call boxes” at the overpass and elsewhere at key locations throughout all of Greenbelt. The mayor and council have already indicated they would look favorably at these ideas.

We should not be pushing for even a partial closure of the overpass because, not only is it not achievable, it is about as divisive an issue as we could stir up, both geographically and racially.

As Lewis said, we should be building more bridges, not blocking existing ones. And I’m sure she meant that symbolically as well as physically. Blocking a bridge would be regressive, not the direction we want to move Greenbelt over the next 30 years.

Instead, we need to find ways to unify and integrate the city. We should first all be united in joining Neighborhood Watch groups and using them as vehicles

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Correction

After last week’s paper went to press, we were informed that the meeting between council and the school board would not take place on July 23 as had been expected.

We understand the meeting is now planned for as early in August as can be arranged.

Grin Belt



"Should we download the e-book or see the YouTube movie on Harry Potter?"

On Screen

“Sicko” – Rueful Footage

Michael Moore describes “Sicko” as a comedy about the 47 million Americans without health insurance. In this film, we meet a range of people who have experienced the darker side of the healthcare delivery system. After a brief history lesson, Moore moves to a whirlwind tour of some global alternatives, before turning to some 9/11 rescue workers who are seeking medical care for illnesses acquired in the aftermath of that tragedy.

Folks who have enjoyed other films by Michael Moore know what to expect: documentary-style rueful satire rounded out by archive footage and facts. Long-time fans will recall the germ of this movie in the “Healthcare Olympics” segment from Moore’s first television show, “TV Nation.” Even some of Moore’s critics have agreed that “Sicko” is fundamentally compelling.

Certainly it will spark some good post-viewing conversation about a national crisis. (Runtime is 113 minutes; rated PG-13 for some strong language.)

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Monday, July 23, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

Tuesday, July 24, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting

7 p.m., GGI Communications/ Stakeholders and Outreach Working Group meeting

7 p.m., New Member Coffee Social

Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee meeting

Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m., Finance Committee meeting

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m., Wild Zappers, Let's Sign and Dance, ages 6 to 12.

Storytimes

Tuesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 25, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, July 26, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Greenbelt Recycles Televisions, Too

Thanks to a grant received from the Maryland Department of the Environment, Greenbelt is now able to recycle televisions in addition to other electronic materials. The \$11,890 grant will help the city make a significant improvement in the existing electronics recycling program.

"This is great news," said City Manager Mike McLaughlin, "Kudos to Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray for pulling this together."

The next electronics recycling event is Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. Enter through the Buddy Attick Park parking lot.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

They say you can't go back but I did. Back to my hometown, Boothbay Harbor, Maine. We ate "lobstah" and "chowdah" and fried clams and enjoyed the cool ocean breezes and even spotted some whales on a whale-watching trip.

President Ellie Rimar is on an extended trip with her family. We hope she enjoys every minute of this well-earned trip. Thanks to Vice President Bill Souser for presiding during all our absences.

On July 25 we will play board games and enjoy just getting together. In August we will have a speaker from the Green Ribbon Task Force speak on the Greener Greenbelt Initiative and the challenges facing the future of Greenbelt.

Check out two reviews of "The Cookie Caper," the latest Creative Kids Camp Musical Production, on page 6.

Explore Lightning, Aurora Borealis

On Friday, July 27 the summer series of Explorations Unlimited continues with two videos – "Lightning!" and "The Northern Lights." "Lightning!" takes viewers on a high voltage trip into the most electrically-charged weather in the world, culminating in a dazzling lightning show set to music that rivals an extraordinary fireworks display. The program also visits lightning victims who thought they were out of harm's way.

Lightning's strikes earth 6,000 times a minute, jolts every commercial airplane one to two times a year, wipes out power to entire cities and hits a thousand people annually. Join scientists as they tempt nature by creating the world's tallest lightning rod, a wire leading thousands of feet into storm clouds, triggering awe-inspiring thunderbolts a few hundred feet from the observers and creating a chunk of "petrified" lightning.

Then view "The Northern Lights." Since the beginning of time people have gazed into polar skies, spellbound by the dancing beams of color . . . the northern lights. Though scientists have advanced many theories to explain the aurora borealis and aboriginal people have passed on their beliefs through the centuries, mysteries still linger. As the auroral curtains shimmer throughout the film, viewers experience a visual panorama of animated legends, international space launches and indigenous people and scientists offering their perceptions of the northern lights.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These videos will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Help in Removal Of Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants at a program on Saturday, August 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic area. The park entrance is at 6565 Greenbelt Road. The program will be held rain or shine; wear appropriate clothing including work gloves and bring a lunch or snack.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Labor Day Shuttle Volunteers Needed

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee is seeking a volunteer to coordinate the shuttle bus system that transports people from remote parking locations to the Labor Day Festival grounds in Roosevelt Center, during the holiday weekend from August 31 through September 3.

Volunteer drivers are also needed. Without volunteers this service cannot be provided.

For more information about how you can help contact Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 or natasha@missgreenbelt.com.

Discover Beavers In Park Program

Join a park ranger on Sunday, July 22 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station to discover the world of beavers. The park entrance is at 6565 Greenbelt Road. RSVP at 301-344-3944.

Have a Daughter Who Is Princess Material?

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant is adding a new, non-competitive program for girls 3 to 6 years old at this year's Labor Day Festival. The "Princess" program will partner each young girl with a Miss Greenbelt contestant. Each Princess will receive a tiara, sash, a stage appearance and a photo at the pageant website www.miss-greenbelt.com.

"The Princess program is designed to foster leadership, mentorship and fellowship," explained Natasha Jewell, coordinator of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant.

To register, visit www.miss-greenbelt.com. There is a fee for registration. All proceeds will benefit the Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 or natasha@missgreenbelt.com.

Blood Drive July 27 At Greenway Subway

There will be an American Red Cross mobile blood van in front of Greenway Center's newly renovated Subway on Friday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The restaurant's new owner Dhvani Vyas is sponsoring the blood drive and also plans to be first in line to donate.

Vyas hopes many area residents will join him and pre-register. "Donating blood is an easy way to help your local community," he said. "Each of us knows of at least one person who has needed blood due to some type of emergency. By taking a few minutes out of your day to donate, you help someone else's family member, friend or other loved one."

Pre-registration is encouraged but not mandatory. Donors are welcome to walk up to the van and wait in line to donate.

Subway will give a free cookie to each person who donates and the American Red Cross will hand out orange juice. All customers, whether or not a blood donor, can win one of three gift cards to local retailers, courtesy of American Red Cross and Subway. The gift cards will be raffled off just after 4 p.m. A special meal deal will also be available to all customers regardless of donation.

To donate blood, people must be in generally good health, at least 17 years of age (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, not have been tattooed in the past year nor donated whole blood within the past 56 days. Call 1-800-GIVELIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule a blood donation appointment. Platelet donors should call 1-800-272-2123. Businesses and community groups wishing to organize and schedule a blood drive like Subway owner Vyas are asked to call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Parties

On Saturday, July 21 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field and on Sunday, July 22 a sidewalk party in Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Bring along a telescope and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

"Oliver!" to Open Here at Arts Center

Opening night at the Greenbelt Arts Center is August 3 for the first show of the new season, featuring the musical "Oliver!" based on the famous Dickens tale of an orphaned boy in 19th century England.

The Arts Center will produce six plays of its own this season, but several other theater groups will also have special performances. For example, at the Labor Day Festival, one troupe will perform an original adaptation of Shakespeare with two free shows each night open to the public on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Another group will put on a free show for children with two matinee performances earlier each day also on Saturday and Sunday during the Festival.

Advance ticket sales will begin soon, including a new discounted subscription series. Details of the upcoming season will be available on the theater's website: www.greenbeltartscenter.org and both an article and advertising insert forthcoming in the News Review.

City Buys First Speed Sentry

While driving down Crescent Road in the next two weeks, motorists should take note of a small white box with an LED screen which displays vehicle travel speed. This weather-resistant "Speed Sentry" is the city's newest traffic safety tool. As part of city traffic-calming efforts, the Speed Sentry alerts drivers when their speed exceeds the posted limit.

While doing this, the time and speed is recorded. City staff can immediately analyze data, such as vehicle counts, average speed, top speed and 85th percentile speed. This data is valuable when assessing enforcement and traffic-calming needs.

The display also can be turned off so the motorist is not aware that the device is activated but speed and vehicle count data continues to be collected. The display is capable of showing changes in posted speed based on time of day, particularly useful in school zones.

The unit's battery – there is a back-up – must be replaced every three to four days for recharging.

This lone unit will be checked for effectiveness and will be moved every two weeks to a different location in the city.

Questions or comments can be directed to Planning and Community Development Department Director Celia Craze at ccraze@greenbeltmd.gov.

**PARKDALE CLASS OF '77
30 YEAR REUNION**
Saturday, September 29
6:00 pm – midnight
Carrol's Creek Cafe
Annapolis, Maryland
For additional information
please call 410-280-0065 or
visit the reunion website:
www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:
Greenbelt Elementary
School PTA
Book donation drop-off at
Co-op Supermarket
August 1 to August 31
Large donation pickup
available
For information call:
301-474-2041



FREE Pizza Night

July 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
6th -12th graders
Greenbelt Youth Center

**Free Pizza and Games!!!
Drop in & join the fun.**

SOUL'D OUT Youth Group
More info call John or Jody
(301) 574-2488

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF July 20 Sicko (PG-13)

(No coupons or passes accepted Fri. - Sat.)

Friday

*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2:15, *4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

*2:15, *4:50, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*4:50, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 6 p.m.
Are ONLY \$5.00
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of July 20

FRI. – THURS.

Ratatouille, G (!)

12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:30

Live Free or Die Hard, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10

Transformers, PG-13 (!)

12, 12:30, 3, 3:30, 6:15, 6:45,

9:30, 10

Captivity, R (!)

10:30

Harry Potter & The Order

of the Phoenix, PG-13 (!)

12, 12:30, 3, 3:35, 6:15, 6:45, 9:30

Hairspray, PG (!)

12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:40

Chuck & Larry, PG-13 (!)

12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

Area Schools Get New Principals

On July 6 the Prince George’s County Public School (PGCPS) system announced the appointments of 29 new principals for the upcoming school year. The new leaders received training through the PGCPS New Principal Induction Program, held as part of the Leadership Institute, which introduces new principals to the important role of school leadership. “When you have great school leaders you have great success. Our principals are to be commended for their growing success with our students,” said Dr. John E. Deasy, superintendent of schools. “Together, new and veteran principals serve as instructional leaders who will help every child achieve at high levels.”

Among the 29 new principals in the county, the following appointments were made at the nearest area schools attended by Greenbelt residents: Kimberly S. Seidel, Greenbelt Elementary School, previously assistant principal at Riverdale Elementary School; Raymond J. Miller, DuVal High School, previously assistant principal at Thomas Stone Elementary School; Kona-Facia Nepay, Robert Goddard French Immersion, previously assistant principal at Robert Goddard French Immersion & Montessori School; and Suzanne J. Johnson, Goddard Montessori, formerly assistant principal at Robert Goddard French Immersion & Montessori School.

Updated Website For School Board

The Prince George’s County public school system has unveiled its newly redesigned website for easier access to information. Parents and communities are increasingly turning to the internet for information and school officials say they are committed to improving the website as an effective tool. Visit the new website at www.pgcps.org.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, July 29
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Restoration Temple Church of God in Christ

Elder Wesley Person, Jr., Pastor
Evangelist Shirleen Person, First Lady

Services held at Residence Inn by Marriott

6320 Golden Triangle Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-459-6966 church
301-459-0563 fax

Morning Prayer 9:15 am Sunday
School 9:45 am
Worship 10:45 am

“We can do better together in 2007”
www.rtcgic.org

In Memoriam


William Perkins

On Monday morning, July 16 I received news that William “Bill” Perkins, a deacon at Greenbelt Baptist Church, had died.

After I had received the news, the song, “I can only imagine . . . when I walk by your side” came on the radio and I thought my dear friend, you don’t have to imagine it, you are now living it.

Bill, you will be sincerely missed by everyone you have touched. Thank you for the memories, the laughter and sharing your joy in serving the Lord.

Well done, good and faithful servant!
– Karen Sparks



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STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: “The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!” – *The Holy Qur’an, 55:5-10*

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Cara Davis, who was named to the spring 2007 semester Dean’s List at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Congratulations to longtime resident Michael Travis, who has been inducted into the Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) Hall of Fame, an organization of 4,000 piano service professionals. The honor, a surprise to Travis, was just announced at the PTG 50th anniversary meeting in Kansas City.

Conratulations to Irene and Jack Owens of Laurel Hill Road who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary June 21, 2007. Friends and family came from near and far to make the occasion a memorable one.

To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.
– Kathleen McFarland



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Who are the Bahá’ís? (Part 1)

The Bahá’í community numbers some five million members in 189 independent countries and 46 territories. Its diversity embraces people from most of the planet’s races, creeds and cultures, [including over 2,100 different ethnic groupings]. The Bahá’í Faith is now recognized by the Encyclopedia Britannica as the second-most widely spread independent religion in the world, after Christianity.

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community
PO Box 245, Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Deasy Explains Plans To Prepare for HSAs

Prince George’s County Public School Superintendent John Deasy appeared before the Maryland State Board of Education in June to map out plans to help the Class of 2009 meet the High School Assessment requirements. Deasy outlined the variety of instructional supports designed to help students pass the four exams.

Maryland students, starting with the class of 2009, must pass four High School Assessments (HSAs) to receive a high school diploma. The HSAs cover algebra/data analysis, biology, English 2 and government.

Deasy said that Prince George’s County has instituted a variety of extra classes, a promotional campaign, curriculum improvements and assistance for teachers. The county has taken care to see that their efforts mirror the Voluntary State Curriculum (VSC) and the Maryland State Department of Education materials.

Prince George’s officials have moved their reforms into the middle school as well, where instruction is provided to show teachers how to differentiate instruction. Intervention programs, such as a variety of extended learning opportunities courses have been put in place for struggling students. These appear to be effective, Deasy said.

Greenbelter Vies For School Board

Greenbelter Jerome Dancis of Laurel Hill Road has applied to fill the vacancy on the Prince George’s County School Board created by the resignation of Nathaniel Thomas. Dancis taught mathematics at the University of Maryland for 35 years. Dancis is one of 39 candidates for the school board slot. Johnson will choose a nominee from this list and forward his selection to the County Council for approval.

City Notes

Animal Control retrieved one Python snake from a sheriff’s department eviction exercise and Animal Control Officer Abigail Lightning appeared on Channel 9 News at Noon to promote cat adoption.

Street Maintenance crew transported barley straw from the vendor, removed old straw and placed fresh straw in Greenbelt Lake to reduce algal growth; and trimmed trees and re-milled the road at the Greenbelt Homes gardens.

Recreation staff gave a brief tour of the Community Center window project to Delegate Tawanna Gaines. Gaines was shown windows that have not been restored and windows that have been restored to illustrate the significant improvement.

Celia Craze, Director of Planning & Community Development, has been asked to serve on a M-NCPPC technical advisory group on the issue of mixed use zoning.

CARES

Teresa Smithson attended a workshop entitled “Cultural and Historical Trauma” at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. The workshop covered topics of the Armenian and Jewish Holocaust, experience of Native and African Americans, as well as genocides in countries such as Sudan (Darfur). The workshop is part of the Trauma Treatment Certificate Program.

Public Gardens Exhibit Tour on July 25

Find out why public gardens matter to the future of people, communities, the nation and the world. From saving endangered plants and habitats to providing horticultural therapy and mentoring youth, public gardens add live and beauty to a community. On Wednesday, July 25 tour through the “Green Today, Growing Tomorrows” exhibit with Dr. Christine Flanagan, U.S. Botanic Gardens Public Programs Manager. See the many ways public

gardens bring people and plants together and enjoy a conversation about what’s important to grow, save, learn and celebrate. The tour is canceled if it rains.

The program will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the National Garden Terrace Entrance. Pre-registration is requested for code number FT 072507B.

Call 202-226-4082 for information.

USBG Highlights Regional Gardens

What native plants are good alternatives for exotics and invasives? What native plants are appropriate for what type of site? Spend an information packed hour with the Plant Curator in the Regional Garden of the U.S. Botanic Garden on Wednesday, July 25, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Use the Terrace entrance at 100 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Pre-registration is requested. Call 202-225-8333 or register online at www.usbg.gov for class code FT072507A.

Kids Circus Plays At Publick Playhouse

The Russian American Kids Circus on Stage returns to the Prince George’s Publick Playhouse for its last performance on Saturday, July 21 at 11 a.m.

The Kids Circus performers, ranging from 5 to 16 years old, fill the stage with synchronized acrobatics, black light juggling, unicycling tricks and balancing acts. For further information call 301-277-1710, TTY 301-277-3012.



City Information

Meetings for July 23-27

Monday, July 23, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session re: Employee Benefits at Municipal Building. (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, July 24th, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 301-474-8004

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

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101 CENTERWAY 301-397-2204

SWIM MEET AT GAFC ON

Saturday, July 21st

The Outdoor pool will open at 1:00pm that day.

Reminder: Weekend admission to the Aquatic and Fitness Center is restricted to Residents and Pass Holders, and their paying guests.

Children’s Weekday Lessons
Session 4 (Last chance this summer)
Dates: July 31 – Aug. 3, Aug. 7 – 10

Passholders and Residents register: Sat. July 28
Open Registration: Sun. July 29 through 2pm on Mon. July 30

Class listings are available in the Summer Recreation Brochure posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Attention Greenbelt Skatepark Members!

The lower portion of the Greenbelt Skatepark will be closed for skate board classes Monday thru Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. through August 17th. The park will remain open at all other times depending on weather conditions. The upper portion, the “Big Bowl” will remain open to the public during these times. For further information, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, July 23rd at 8pm: Council Work Session on Employee Benefits (live) Tuesday & Thursday, July 24 & 26: 6pm “Ask the Expert – Foot Care,” 6:30pm: ACE Reading Club,” 7:00pm: “A Grimm Night For Hans Christian Andersen.”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, July 25 & 27: 7pm: “Greenbelt Writers’ Showcase 2005.”

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

Friday, July 27 from 8-10pm

Admittance to the pool is \$3.00 per family, residents or non-residents. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of 3 non-family members per group.

For more information call 301-397-2204

VISIT GREENBELT CITYLINK AT
WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV FOR INFORMATION
ON CITY GOVERNMENT, SERVICES & EVENTS.

Come see the Summer 2007 Camp Staff in INSIDE THE FRAME OUTSIDE THE BOX Friday, August 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm Greenbelt Community Center

Art comes to life when the talented staffers of Greenbelt Summer Camps present a lively musical variety show set in an art museum. The staffers have volunteered their time to produce and perform this show, whose proceeds will fund Greenbelt Recreation Department camp scholarships for Summer 2008.

Sarah Aclander * Colleen Arnold * Melissa Boucarut * Stefan Brodd * Ian Brown-Gorrell * Chris Cherry * Samantha Fitschen * Jesse Folks* Chris Fominaya * Mary Fominaya * Ann Fraistat * Dina Goldberg-Strassler * Danielle Green * Brian King * Sarah Loutsch * John McCann *Matt McLaughlin * Maia McWilliams * Mason Trappio . . . and more to come!

Tickets are on sale now at the Community Center business office at 15 Crescent Road, or call and charge your tickets by phone at 301-397-2208. The suggested minimum donation per ticket is \$5.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RECREATION
DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY, JULY 28TH 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

****TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO****

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR
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OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.**

For further information, contact the
Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for a application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under “Boards and Committees.”



The “News Review Revue” performed by the Titans: Manasi Pukazhenth, Hannah Kempton, Amritha Jayanti, Hannah Butcher, Molly Jankowski, Hee Jin Suh, Kirin Taylor, Teresa Johnson and James Fahey.

A Review

Who Stole the Cookies?
Kids Camp Drama Tells

by Anne Gardner

Who is the Criminal Mastermind among the suspicious characters in the Greenbelt Recreation Department? Is it Chris Cherry (“They call him the Director”)? Nicole de Wald? Monica Mische? The children of Creative Kids Camp explore all the possibilities in this year’s camp musical, “The Cookie Caper,” which opened July 13 for four Fridays at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

When some chocolate chip cookies go missing from the Community Center kitchen, the campers must follow clues, taking them through many different places in the building including the Nursery School, Art Room, Kiln Room, Museum exhibit and even the News Review office. At each location different groups of campers represent the Nursery school kids, artists, potters, News Review staff, etc., singing a song and performing a dance they made up themselves with the help of dance teacher Laura Schandelmair.

The children, ages 6 to 12, obviously thoroughly enjoy being on stage, singing and dancing. During the two-week camp

they have classes in music, drama, dance, arts and crafts. The older campers perform most of the speaking parts in the play and they do an excellent job. Just a few small roles are played by counselors and teachers such as music director Chris Fominaya and the talented tap-dancing mannequins Ian Brown-Gorrell, Colleen Arnold and Danielle Green.

The musical was written and directed by Chris Cherry and is full of his signature catchy tunes and witty lyrics. The Greenbelt theme is to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of Greenbelt. A surprise interruption comes when the theater manager, played by drama teacher Jesse Folks, objects to the script and closes down the show. This is a reference to another event that occurred 70 years ago, when the Federal Theatre Project’s controversial production of “The Cradle Will Rock” was closed down on the opening night. In that case, audience and performers moved to a different theater and put the show on anyway.

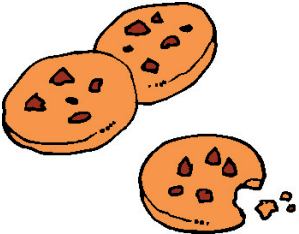


Alyssa Russell, Josephine Nolting and Mark Capotosto perform “Feat of Clay.”

Remaining Performances

What will happen in the Cookie Caper? Will the show go on? Will the campers solve the mystery of the missing cookies? Once the cookies are found, will the audience get to share them? Find out in the remaining performances of the show, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27 and August 10. At that time, new groups of campers will be presenting their version of the play. Free tickets are available from the Community Center on the day of the show. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

In the meantime Greenbelters can check it out at the city’s website, www.greenbeltmd.gov. Click on The Greenbelt Camp Co-operator to find the clues and pictures of last week’s cast.



Jelani Lyles, Nathalie Hamlin, Isaak Holton-Hinshaw and Hannah Russell perform “Suspicious Characters.”

– photos by Chris Kaplan

A Review

Creative Kids Day Camp
Bakes up Musical Winner

by Virginia Beauchamp

So what’s my favorite scene in “The Cookie Caper,” the musical ending the two-week Creative Kids day camp program? Campers from 6 to 12 years old performed it twice on Friday, July 13 in the Greenbelt Arts Center, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, for admiring parents and friends.

The choice was inevitable. It had to be scene 4, when that bunch of older kids, sleuthing around the (imaginary) Community Center for the purloined cookies, entered the News Review office.

A group of Editors and Informed Citizens had just been singing “The News Review Revue”:

“Do you review The News Review?/ The News Review? Indeed we do/ We all peruse the latest news/ We’re thoroughly up to date.

“At times there’s an omission/ But we swear we never sin/ It’s always our ambition/ To put every story in/ But for over 60 years/ We’ve been run by volunteers/ And our budget is so tight it’s like a splint/ So we’ve

adopted as our motto/ ‘All the news that fits, We’ll print.’”

Well, yes, that’s right on. Sometimes we have to hold on to stories even for weeks, if there’s not a pressing deadline. I also liked that line from Camper 7: “Reporters and editors are the ones who check sources and verify the facts.” The kids had been discussing how outmoded we were, now that everyone uses blogs and text messaging. But with all the interventions, they say (and we agree), who can really trust those?

Other Scenes

What are the other places the kids explore in their search for the cookies? They have to locate clues on slips of paper, each clue leading to a new place inside, and finally outside, the building. It’s really an old fashioned treasure hunt.

So they explore the ceramics studio, the nursery school, the art room, the museum exhibit room, the dark room (a really spooky place), the senior citizens’ classroom, the theater rehearsal room and then the stone panels on the building’s outer wall. And in each of these places we get a song and dance from a chorus of campers.

Each set of campers represents different groups of folks who hang out in the building and each set has T-shirts of a uniform color – the potters in yellow, the nursery school kids in blue, the newspaper crowd in tangerine, the painters in purple and the arts center folks in green.

The play is an original show by Camp Coordinator, the talented Christopher Cherry, with pianist Stefan Brodd. Scott Kincaid handles the lights and surprises us all when he storms out on to the stage. There’s a surprise ending, but – shh – we have to keep the secret. I can only say that it’s in harmony with Greenbelt’s 1937 origin.

NASA continued from page 1



Left to right, Dr. Laurie Leshin, director of Sciences and Exploration; Congressman Steny Hoyer; Shana Dale, deputy administrator NASA HQ; and Dr. Edward Weiler, director Goddard Space Flight Center.

nearly enough energy for all of Goddard’s needs. The agency pays about a quarter of the price of natural gas, uses the methane that would otherwise end up in our lungs and thus prevents the need for strip-mining coal or buying oil. All future Goddard buildings will be required to meet the Silver LEED standard, establishing NASA as a leader in the field of sustainability.

Utopia Film Festival Seeking Submissions

by Susan Gervasi

Celebrating its third year, Greenbelt’s Utopia Film Festival – to be held in historic Greenbelt the weekend of October 26 to 28 – is now accepting submissions for its third season. Utopia will offer movie lovers a fresh dazzling cinematic feast of original features, documentaries, animation, horror movies, music videos and experimental works.

The first official selection of the festival has been named! It is “CYN” by Florida-based filmmaker, Albert Ferrari. “CYN” is a five-minute thriller dealing with one kidnap victim’s attempt to turn the tables on her captors.

Filmmaker/actor Chris Haley, executive director of Utopia Film Festival 2007 said he was wowed by the quality and creativity of the films Utopia received last year and is thrilled with this year’s possibilities.

“Last year was so great we’ve added Withoutabox.com to our online submission process, because we’re anxious to get our message out to even more filmmakers. The excitement of meeting and promoting new moviemakers never gets old,” said Haley, who premiered two of his own short films in the previous festivals.

In keeping with Greenbelt’s origins as a New Deal town idealistically designed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s planners to foster health, harmony and happiness in its inhabitants, a spirit of innovation was reflected in many of the films selected for Utopia Film Festival 2006.

The search for racial harmony was one theme of last year’s festival, which included a trio of contemporary films about race, racial identity and diversity: “Yokes and Chains,” “Honey Child,” and “Bone Mixers.” In addition, “The Pact” was a grip-

ping feature-length documentary which explored the lives of three African-American doctors who vowed as children growing up in a rough Newark, New Jersey neighborhood that they would overcome the odds – and wrote a best-selling book about their determination.

Other films looked at utopian dreams of blissful homesteading – such as the hilarious “Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea,” about a wannabe resort town on the banks of an ecologically-devastated inland sea in southern California, narrated by director John Waters. Several films by local artists were also featured: “Swimmers” was a critically-acclaimed drama set on Maryland’s eastern shore and “Mary Surratt: Mystery Woman of the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy” investigated the controversial Prince George’s County woman executed

for her alleged role in the murder of President Abraham Lincoln.

Documentaries by University of Maryland journalism students – “The Pen,” about the Maryland State Penitentiary in Baltimore, “Greenbelt,” about the city’s New Deal origins and “Urban Reality,” exploring the gentrification of an Hispanic neighborhood in Washington, D.C., were also screened.

Utopia Film Festival 2007 will be held in several venues on or near old Greenbelt’s town center: historic P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Municipal Building, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Branch Library and for the first time a special Saturday evening program at the Beltway Plaza Cinemas.

For film locations, schedule information and updates, see www.utopiafilmfestival.org or call Greenbelt Access Television at 301-507-6581.



COLLEGE PARK FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays: 7 a.m. until Noon
Through November 17
5211 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, Maryland

Local farmers and market gardeners offering fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, herb plants, bedding plants, pesticide free garlic, honey, fresh baked good, herbal products and more!

Weekly entertainment including performances by the Eleanor Roosevelt Band and "Night Bird," a singer specializing in oldies.

Buy Local Week Is July 21 through 28

It’s time to take the Buy Local Challenge (July 21 through 28), an incentive to explore new farms, markets and restaurants and to sample fresh local produce. Plus, it’s healthy and good for the community.

The challenge is simple: “I pledge to eat at least one item from a local farm every day during Buy Local Week.” Maryland residents are encouraged to buy from local farms, farm stands, farmers’ markets, wineries, groceries and markets that offer genuine local products and/or dine at restaurants that serve local farm food and wine.

Conceived by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, Buy Local Week is one of many programs created to boost the local farm economy and to highlight the flavor, nutrition and health benefits local products can provide. The challenge is also intended to highlight the economic benefit to the region.

“Participation is simple,” said Christine Bergmark, director of the commission. “It can be as basic as putting local tomatoes in your salad or sandwich or you can create entire dishes or meals with local eggs, wine, produce, etc.”

Look for local farms or menu ideas, shopping tips and so on at www.buy-local-challenge.com.

How to Tips

An apple a day – Include a piece of fresh fruit grown in the region with each meal.

Plan a Field Trip – Visit a farmers’ market or a pick-your-

own farm. Share this outing with family and friends and then return home and together create a dish. Everyone enjoys a cool fresh dessert like fresh berry shortcake on a summer evening.

Think “out of the box” and into a basket – Take a basket of locally grown fruit to the office to share with co-workers.

Plan a Party – Involve friends and family. Plan a dinner party menu around locally grown produce or perhaps a wine-tasting event featuring wines using locally grown grapes.

Dine out – Look for Buy Local Challenge signs and posters when dining out. Support local restaurants and food service companies that are also participating in the Buy Local challenge.

Benefits

It’s fresh. Buying local food means there is less time between when the food was harvested and when it gets to the table.

It’s better for the environment. Local foods require less packaging and travel less distances, saving on waste and pollution.

It’s healthier. Local foods are more nutritious because food loses vitamins and minerals as it ages.

It supports local economy. Buying from local farmers supports businesses in this community, aiding the overall local economy.

It’s fun! A stop at the nearby farmstand or farmer’s market can be a great outing and a chance to learn about fresh local foods from an expert.

Support Local Farms

Spicknall’s Farm Market



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(Take Kenilworth Ave/Edmonston Road (201)
north to Powder Mill Road (212),
west to Old Gunpowder Road,
north to Spicknall’s on the right.)



301-937-8288



Greenbelt Skating Champs Off to World Competition

by Susy Murphy

Greenbelt will be well represented on the first county team to compete at an international ice skating competition. Local skaters include Christopher Bonnell, Ursula Tooley and Charlie and Alice Murphy. Three additional skaters are students at ERHS who do not live in Greenbelt: Claire Flintoff, Amelia Franklin and Emeatabong Morfaw.

The Wells Figure Skating Production Team will be representing Herbert Wells Ice Rink at the ISI World Recreational Team Championships in Chicago on Friday, July 27. It will be the first time the team has gone to the Championships. Over the last eight years the team, under the direction of coach Christine Brinton, has claimed numerous medals. They remain undefeated on their home ice at Herbert Wells Ice Rink in College Park but have also been District IV Champions in 2002, 2005 and 2006 and took second place in 2001, 2003 and 2007.

The 20 skaters on the team range in age from 9 to 22 and represent all levels of ability from beginning skaters to advanced figure skaters. This year the team began working with the chosen theme, disco music, in October and debuted as the "Wells Discomaniacs" at their first competition in February. The set was designed and built by the parents of skaters and

features multi-colored record albums (discs) and the costumes also include disco "balls" that several skaters wear during the four-minute production.

Individual skaters from the team have competed at "Worlds" in previous years. Alice Murphy, Lily Shupe-Jaffie, Joe Simmons, Carrie Scott and Vanessa Crain earned first and second place medals in individual events at last year's competition in Marlboro, Mass. All of the skaters have participated in M-NCPPC "Learn to Skate" classes over the years. Three skaters, Alice Murphy, Christina Field and Carrie Scott, have also been certified as junior coaches and now teach classes while continuing to compete. Alice Murphy, a 2007 ERHS graduate, is the first skater from Prince George's County to be awarded a four year ISI national figure skating scholarship. She will be presented with her scholarship award by Olympic skater Evan Lysacek at the ISI Benefit Exhibition Show on July 27 and has been invited to perform one of her programs at the show.

For further information about the Wells figure skating team contact Team Manager Susy Murphy at 301-257-8351 or murphyfamily@starpower.net or contact team coach Christine Brinton at 301-661-1171 or chris@sk8brinton.com.

Exhibit Explores Fashion in 1930s, 1940s

by Megan Searing Young

The Greenbelt Museum opened a new exhibit in the Community Center on July 14 entitled "Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II." The exhibit explores fashion and its interpretation by Greenbelt women during the Great Depression and World War II. From the town's settlement in the mid-1930s to the end of the war in 1945, the women of Greenbelt, like most Americans, were too busy trying to make ends meet in hard economic times to be slaves to fashion. With sections focusing on home sewing, the influence of Hollywood, the importance of accessories and ensembles, WWII and rationing, leisurewear and children's clothes, the exhibit tells the story of how women in this New Deal town adapted their existing clothing with an eye toward practicality as well as current fashion, creating a style all their own.

"This exhibit highlights the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the American homemaker during a time of great hardship," says Jill St. John, curator and director of Historical Programs for the Greenbelt Museum. "While the story here is told through the perspective of early Greenbelt residents, it is representative of much larger, national issues that were being faced by all Americans in the 1930s and 1940s," she adds.

The exhibit features three-dimensional artifacts from the mu-



Marion Benson Hastings stands beside some of the artifacts that she donated to the exhibit.

seum's collection such as dresses, hats, purses, gloves, shoes, sewing implements, jewelry and historic photographs that together illustrate women's efforts to dress both fashionably and frugally. In addition to items from the muse-

um's collection, several Greenbelt residents lent items that will be on display.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum sponsored a reception in conjunction with the exhibit opening which was very well attended. Among the 40 guests were two Greenbelt pioneer children, Marion Benson Hastings and Robert Sommers, both of whom had previously donated artifacts that are on display in the exhibition. Mary Linstrom, another long-term Greenbelt resident, also attended and donated one of the artifacts. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis made brief remarks and Councilmember Leta Mach also attended.

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Dr. Morales recently completed his postgraduate work with Mercy Health Partners Family Medicine Residency Program in Toledo, OH. He received his Doctor of Medicine at Spartan Health Science University in Vieux Fort, Saint Lucia West Indies and received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park. Dr. Morales has had extensive training and experience in skin biopsies, colposcopy, intubations, diabetes, coronary artery disease, hypertension, renal insufficiency as well as other areas of Family Medicine. While doing his postgraduate work, Dr. Morales also served on numerous committees and attended workshops furthering his knowledge and sharing his accomplishments with others. He has also conducted vital medical research and made presentations while doing his postgraduate work in Ohio. Dr. Morales is a native of Maryland, growing up in the Silver Spring area. Dr. Morales is fluent in both English and Spanish. He will be accepting office appointments *beginning September 4, 2007*. You may reach the office at: 301-474-2141

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 6 to:
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94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

June 30, Ridge Road and Gardenway, 10:44 p.m., a woman reported that she was on a walk when she saw a group of eight or nine juveniles. One of the youths approached the woman, blocked her path and demanded money. When she said that she did not have any money, he attempted to kick the bags she was carrying out of her hands. The woman walked away from the scene and the youth ran to catch up with the rest of the group, who had already begun walking away from the area. He is described as a black male, 15 to 17 years of age, wearing a large white T-shirt with a cartoon logo and baggy jeans.

July 7, 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, 10:52 p.m., a woman reported that she was in the parking lot of the Shell FoodMart when she was approached by four males, one armed with a handgun. He took her purse and all four males fled the area on foot toward Cherrywood Terrace. One suspect is described as a black male, 5'7", wearing a white T-shirt, dark jeans and a black bandana.

July 8, 6500 block Lake Park Drive, 12:53 a.m., a man reported that he went to his vehicle in the parking lot and observed a vehicle circling the lot, stop, then saw a man exit the vehicle and walk toward him. The man displayed a sawed-off shotgun and announced a robbery, as a second man also got out of the vehicle and displayed a handgun. The man stated that he had no money, at which time the first suspect punched him and took a gym-type bag from him. The suspect got back into the suspect vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'8" to 5'9", 160 pounds with a dark complexion, black hair and brown eyes, wearing baggy jeans and a white T-shirt; and a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6' to 6'1", 165 to 175 pounds with a dark complexion, black hair and brown eyes, wearing blue shorts. The driver is described as a black female in her twenties, with a light complexion and long black hair.

July 10, 7900 block Mandan Road, 12:14 a.m., a man reported that he answered a knock at his door and was confronted by a young man who demanded money. The young man shoved the man into the hallway, where a second young man was waiting. A brief struggle ensued and the man was pushed to the ground. A witness began yelling for help and the suspects fled the scene on foot. A K-9 and handler searched the area, with negative results. The suspects are described as a black male, 17 to 21 years of age with black unkempt hair and a light complexion; and a black male, 17 to 21 years of age, 5'9" to 5'10" with close cropped black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a white T-shirt, baggy shorts and black tennis shoes. No

injuries were reported.

Assaults

July 9, Beltway Plaza, 10:15 p.m., a loss prevention officer at the Giant Food store reported that he was at the store's entrance/exit area when two men began shouting profanities at him. When the loss prevention officer told the men they had to leave, both assaulted him, knocking him to the ground. Both suspects fled the scene to the rear of the mall. The victim was not injured. The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 22 years of age, 150 pounds, each wearing blue jeans and white T-shirts.

July 10, Beltway Plaza, 12:19 p.m., a 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for assault after he allegedly spit on a parking enforcement officer after the officer wrote a ticket for a handicap violation on a vehicle. As the officer was writing the ticket, the driver and passengers returned to the vehicle and began cursing at the officer. The driver and passengers got into the vehicle and drove away, with the passenger spitting on the officer as they passed by. The vehicle was located a short time later at Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood lane. The suspect got out of the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot but was detained by Beltway Plaza security officers. The youth was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 12, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5:49 p.m., two non-resident females were arrested and charged with first-degree assault after police responded to a report of a pending fight involving weapons. A woman reported that she was walking her dog when two women threatened her with a knife and a club and then fled the scene in a vehicle. While speaking with police the complainant saw the same vehicle drive by. The vehicle was followed to the 6300 block of Ivy Lane, where the victim identified the two suspects as the same two who had threatened her. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drugs

July 9, Beltway Plaza, 7:54 p.m., a 15-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after a plaza security officer observed him smoking what appeared to be marijuana in the parking lot. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 11, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 7:51 p.m., a 16-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after police responded to a report of people smoking marijuana in a laundry room. The youth was observed coming out of the laundry room and was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspect marijuana packaged as though for sale. The youth

was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Arson

July 8, 9100 block Springhill Court, 10:36 p.m., unknown person(s) set fire to a vacant apartment. Fire department personnel responded and extinguished the blaze.

Theft

July 8, Roosevelt Center, 2:25 p.m., a 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for theft. A woman reported that she was sitting on a bench at the Center when two youths walked by. One of them grabbed the woman's purse from the bench and both youths fled the area on foot toward Gardenway. Police observed a person matching the description given in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The woman positively identified the youth as the same suspect who took her purse. Some of the property taken was recovered from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The second suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'10", 140 to 180 pounds with black hair, wearing green shorts and a light colored T-shirt.

July 9, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 2:05 p.m., unknown person(s) entered an office suite area and removed a laptop computer from a desk.

Vandalism

July 3, 5 Court Gardenway, a man reported that as many as four juveniles followed him as he walked to his residence. One of the youths threw a clump of mud at the man's screen door, tearing it. The youths then fled the scene on foot.

July 7, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a man reported that he was driving down Hanover Parkway when he heard something hit his car. He stopped and observed a group of juveniles throw an object at a passing bus. The man chased the youths on foot into Schrom Hills Park and then back to the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, where he lost sight of them. The suspects are described as two white males, two black males and two Asian males, 14 to 18 years of age.

Burglaries

July 7, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9:01 a.m., two 17-year-old nonresident youths were arrested for burglary after they were located sleeping in a vacant apartment. One of the youths gave a false name to the police and was also petitioned for a false statement. The youths were released to guardians pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 8, Beltway Plaza, 11:21 a.m., a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

A green 1997 Ford Explorer, Maryland tags 910M333 was stolen from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two

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Greenbelt Gets Greener Still with Single Stream Recycling

by Kathie Jarva

Greenbelt residents currently recycle 49 percent of their refuse – way above the national average of 28 to 32 percent. But we have a way to go to compete with the best recyclers. According to “The Economist,” Austria and the Netherlands now recycle at least 60 percent of their municipal waste.

Greenbelt recently converted to “single stream recycling” through a contract with Waste Management Recycle America. Many other local communities, Prince George’s County and several homeowners associations that contract for their own trash pick-up also use Waste Management and participate in single stream recycling.

Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray, Mayor Judith Davis, Director of Public Works Kenny Hall and Neal Barnett, chair of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC), recently visited Waste Management’s state of the art Recycle America plant in Elkridge, where all local recycling is accomplished. They were pleased to learn that Greenbelt delivers generally “clean loads,” that is recyclables with fewer than usual non-recyclable contaminants.

Single Stream

The latest in recycling processes, single stream means that residents may combine paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, aluminum/steel cans and glass all in one barrel. The new recycling truck has just one large bin. All materials get loaded into it, then

packed down for efficient use of the cargo space. This is the same type of truck used for refuse pick-up. Besides being easier for residents, single stream saves on the cost of transport and handling.

All materials for recycling are taken to the plant in Elkridge, where the load is weighed before it enters processing. Some manual sorting is needed at the beginning to separate out large or bulky items and non-recyclables. Worldwide, the worst non-recyclable offender is the plastic bag. Plastic bags are not recyclable at this type of facility and are of significant danger to the recycling machines. When workers remove plastic bags, they are simply trashed – not recycled at all. It is important not to put plastic bags in recycling bins and instead to recycle them at the grocery store.

The automated single stream process begins with disk screens that carefully separate the cardboard, chipboard (e.g., cereal boxes) and various types of paper. These items are baled for shipment to end-users who have strict quality requirements for the materials they incorporate into their manufacturing processes.

After the fiber materials are removed, containers are sorted by the automated system using magnets, various air streams, including eddy-currents and visual scanning, to assure quality control. Glass is broken, sorted by color and stored in bins for later shipment. Metals and plastics are sorted by composition and baled. The bales are stored until enough have accumulated to be loaded for shipping.

In our region, there is currently no end-user for plastic cartons such as yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese containers nor for plastic salad and take home containers nor styrofoam. These items must be disposed of in the regular refuse. If they get into the recycling stream, they slow the automated processes and require additional manual sorting, thus reducing profits and the viability of the recycling industry.

We Can Do More

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is the mantra of the recycling community. And there are many ways to do all three in order to improve our standing in the recycling world. Industry is getting on board as well to reduce the amount of packaging and limit the production of waste, to reuse and recycle their own products and to recycle materials in the process of manufacturing new items.

As consumers, we can use cloth or string bags at the grocery store to limit the number of plastic bags and use bins or old trash cans for yard waste. Public Works will provide additional free recycling bins and stickers to identify your own bins for yard waste.

Reuse and recycling also means donation of usable items to shelters and thrift stores and other charities. The American Rescue Workers bring a truck to Greenbelt the second Saturday of every month. They park behind the Municipal Building and accept clothing and small household items.

Salvation Army and other thrift stores are well-known donation sites. Habitat for Humanity



Chuck Rall, Kent Rowlette and Nate Rozier, members of Greenbelt’s Refuse and Recycle Crew, in front of the new recycling truck.

(Rhode Island Avenue in Brentwood, 301-779-1912) also accepts all kinds of household items including large appliances and building materials. They will pick up from the donor’s home.

Various Greenbelt websites (greenbeltmd.gov, greenbelt.com) as well as the popular freecycle websites and bulletin boards around town offer places and people accepting reusable materials as well as those interested in selling or bartering.

Repairing large and small appliances and electronics is another way to reuse. Some old-fashioned repair shops are still listed in the yellow pages under Appliances-major-minor-repair.

When reuse or donation is not an option, electronics recycling is provided by the City of Greenbelt on a quarterly basis – the next being Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works yard.

Note that Greenbelt can now also accept televisions on electronics recycling day.

The city also assists in recycling car batteries and motor oil as well as paper, cans and bottles at the recycling center off the Buddy Attick Park parking lot. Paper and co-mingled recycling bins are also found off Hanover Parkway on Hanover Drive.

Batteries for electric or electronic appliances may be recycled at Radio Shack (Greenway Center). IKEA (College Park) recycles batteries, fluorescent and energy-saving light bulbs and plastic bags on the ground floor near the customer service desk. Other nearby hazardous waste collections are held periodically and announced in the News Review.

Clean plastic bags are recyclable at all local grocery stores.

For more information call Cindy Murray at 301-474-8308.

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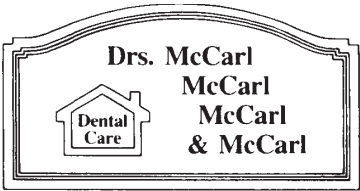
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to build one organized Greenbelt community that goes way beyond meeting the challenges presented by crime. We can start by having a joint Greenbelt East-Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch patrol/party at the Overpass at least one weekend night each week from now through this year's Labor Day Weekend at least.

We also need to support other unifying efforts, such as the New Deal Café, the Utopia Film Festival, the Greenbelt International Cultural Festival (May 17-18, 2008) and our churches or synagogues and temples. We must find other ways to make the lives of all Greenbelters better in every way, from jobs to recreational opportunities to schooling to quality of life for people of all ages, races and economic backgrounds. We can tutor a child, help someone get a GED, help homeless people – keep lighting a candle of hope for someone.

We need to participate in the Greener Greenbelt Initiative's weekend-long brainstorming session September 28 to 30 at Greenbelt Elementary School to help GHI and the city plan for the next 30 years.

We can join Greenbelt discussion groups on yahoo.com, such as Greenbelters, Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch and New Deal Café.

In the past, Greenbelters from all parts of town have shown they can work together to meet any challenges. Today, we can show ourselves once again to be a model for how communities meet challenges together by building bridges not walls.

Don Comis

Yes, Tear It Down

I agree totally with Jasmine Simon in her letter to the editor published in the July 12, News Review, in which she suggests tearing down the Spellman Overpass after the recent brutal and sadistic attack on an Old Greenbelt homeowner.

The argument against closing the overpass and/or tearing it down seems to be for the following two reasons: 1) closing or tearing it down keeps the rest of Greenbelt out. That is not true. Anyone in areas serviced by the overpass can drive just a short distance or take one of many buses on Greenbelt Road to access Old Greenbelt, so that argument has no merit. 2) Eleanor Roosevelt High School students use the overpass. That is true but high school students would be much better served by riding a bus to Eleanor Roosevelt since they would be protected from excessive heat, cold and wet weather. The closing or removal of the overpass would also cut down on the students' access to Roosevelt Center while skipping school, which is an ongoing problem. County residents already pay taxes for school bus service for students.

I've seen discussions at prior council meetings and Greenbelt is already spending funds for foot and bicycle police to monitor the overpass area because of criminal activity. The recent attack is just one more criminal incident, albeit more violent, in a series of incidents in the overpass area. If the overpass were closed or removed, those funds could be redirected toward efforts to deal with the questionable elements that gravitate to Roosevelt Center at regular intervals. I would bet that with

the closure/removal of the overpass, the mischief at Roosevelt Center would drop markedly.

As an eight year resident of Old Greenbelt, I have witnessed the aggressive and threatening behavior of the youth who roam back and forth along Gardenway from the Center and Greenbelt East using the overpass. We need to dispense with the rote politically correct statements, distorted logic, tut-tutting and the avoidance of accountability and face this issue honestly. Statements like the one made by GHI's Sylvia Lewis, "we all have our share of criminal incidents," seek to ignore and trivialize issues. The sentiment that the victim didn't provoke the attackers makes the allusion that if he had engaged them, the attack might have been justified. That is utterly outrageous. One of our peaceful citizens has been beaten severely. The existence of the overpass helped to facilitate the crime.

Larry Phelps

Need for Increased Police Presence

I have heard from both persons who were assaulted on June 29 and also from a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. resident who tried to tell the police where the group of juvenile males and females had come from. Two of the three expressed their opinion that the Greenbelt police did not seem to take them or their information seriously.

Unfortunately, I have heard from several GHI members in the past that the Greenbelt Police either did not respond, or if they did arrive, did not seem interested in collecting evidence of a possible crime. On two occasions in two years the GHI board did discuss this with the city council – and the council was understandably concerned. GHI has gotten a positive response from the city on some of these issues but where does this leave individual citizens when they call the police? I get the impression that some calls, perhaps calls from some people, are considered trivial/not worth investigating, because they don't involve serious injury or death or significant damage to property.

The criminals who sell drugs at night around Roosevelt Center and in the woods know this. Juveniles who see an opportunity for criminal activity without risk of being caught also know this. Some of the criminal types live in old Greenbelt and do not have to cross Spellman overpass to do their crimes.

One of the persons who was assaulted June 29 wished there was more police presence in old Greenbelt. I agree. I used to see police cars more often, even if they were just sitting on Gardenway, waiting for people to run the stop sign on Ridge Road. If the police drove through old Greenbelt periodically throughout the night (but not on a regular schedule), it would let people know that someone is watching.

Sheila Alpers

Mark Animal Issues Important On Survey

As members of the GHI Companion Animal Committee, we were thrilled to see companion animals and wildlife mentioned in the Greener Greenbelt Initiative Survey: Your Ideas, Our Future.

The undersigned urge GHI members to please mark the boxes beside "companion animal issues" and "animal & wildlife habitats" as very important on your questionnaire.

Our hope is that as GHI members fill out their surveys they will take into consideration how very important companion animals and wildlife are. For instance, the more we see of wildlife in our communities, the better it is, not only for the mere pleasure of observation but in knowing that the animals' presence is an indicator of better environmental quality and health.

Urban theorists and ecologists from institutions like the Los Angeles School of Urbanism are examining how our connections with animals shape our larger environmental obligations. The school is also exploring ways to include wildlife and domestic animals in urban planning. We believe this type of research is relevant to the Greater Greenbelt Initiative.

With the Greener Greenbelt Survey, we now have the opportunity to support intentional coexistence and ecological awareness, for what many believe to be an already animal-friendly community. By letting organizers know that we care, animals will be sure to be included in Greenbelt's future plans.

Animals are clearly part of our towns, cities and neighborhoods and we need to intentionally leave natural spaces for animals to inhabit. This vision helps remind us to appreciate the importance of animals living peacefully among us.

Please be sure to submit your survey if you haven't already. Thank you for thinking of the animals in Greenbelt and beyond!

Debbie Cooley
Midge Cruz
Susan Jones
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Disabled Residents Form Enthusiastic New Group

by Terry K. Vanzetti

Twelve people gathered at the New Deal Café on Sunday, July 8 for a "get acquainted" meeting of the Greenbelt Disability Connection. The group is an informal peer support organization for disabled Greenbelt residents, their allies, friends and family. The attendees represented a diversity of disabilities: sensory, physical, chronic, temporary, degenerative, cognitive and psychiatric.

Participants at the meeting expressed a heartfelt need for such an organization. Despite the diversity of disabilities, similar needs and experiences surfaced. Many spoke of a sense of isolation and invisibility within the larger community. Several people lacked the care and reassurance of nearby family, contributing to a sense of vulnerability. Some attendees struggled with clinical depression as a primary disability, while others experienced depression as a consequence of social isolation and obstacles presented by their primary disability.

Despite what might portend a gloomy meeting, the group was joyful and enthusiastic and laughter was frequent and spontaneous. Frustrations were expressed and validated. Ideas for future activities flowed freely. Some suggestions were regular game nights, a swim party and dancing for the disabled. The group will maintain a member list so participants can be reached between scheduled events, thus creating a network of friendships. The member list will be provided in formats accessible to the blind and visually impaired and will also be helpful for those

who lack easy computer access. Two participants had skill in American Sign Language and will reach out to deaf and hearing-impaired citizens.

Attendees hope to educate each other and the larger community about the nature of their disabilities. For example, three blind or visually-impaired persons at the meeting spoke of sighted neighbors who may not realize that a blind person cannot see to wave a greeting and may not recognize the voice of a passerby saying hello. Thus, if you have a visually impaired neighbor, take the initiative to introduce yourself and then mention your name when you later greet your blind neighbor. This simple act will alleviate some of the isolation experienced by your blind neighbors.

The Greenbelt Disability Connection hopes to advocate for accessibility, share information and resources, pursue social and recreational opportunities, offer peer support and liaison with organizations with similar purposes. The first meeting adjourned in a spirit of anticipation and exhilaration. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 12 but will be publicized in advance. All are asked to notify neighbors of the existence of this new resource. If you have questions or would like additional information contact one of the co-facilitators: Shirley Middleton at 301-446-1773 or Terry Vanzetti at 301-345-9284. Leave a complete message if reaching an answering machine.

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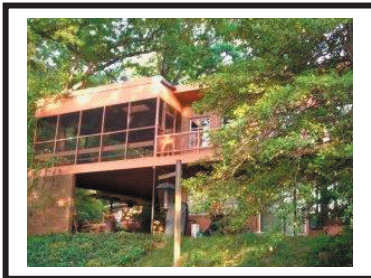


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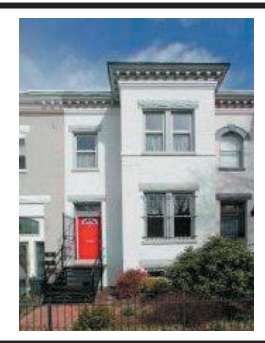
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From left to right, Councilmember Konrad Herling, speaker and Nobel Prize Winner Dr. John Mather, Grand Knight Larry Yore and speaker Marjorie Sparks at “Getting Our Youth Ready to Launch.”

St. Hugh's Rocketeers Learn about Big Bang

by Larry Hilliard

The Greenbelt community experienced the results of a partnership between the Knights of Columbus and the National Association of Rocketry Headquarters Amateur Modeling Section (NARHAMS) last week. The St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus got things started on July 10 by hosting a community talk entitled “Getting Our Youth Ready to Launch” with individual talks by Marjorie Sparks about “Opportunity” and “From the Big Bang to the Nobel Prize and on to JWST” by Dr. John C. Mather.

Student Argonauts selected from Sparks’ St. Hugh’s classroom are Billy Sarkis, Sarah Bates, Megan Shaffer and now Derek Pittman. They experienced a variety of hands-on science experiences as part of the JASON Project. Another opportunity for Sparks is her work with Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles as a Principal Investigator (PI), an experience she shares with Mather. As PI, Sparks took her classes to the Chesapeake Bay to study salt grasses with infrared sensors. It was an early example of student involvement in a Remote Sensing Earth Science Teacher Program.

Finally Sparks provided a strong segue and tie-in to Mather’s current work on the James Webb Space Telescope with a discussion of Family Science Night and Worlds Beyond: An Educational Art Project at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. This is to get the children intelligently imagining the other solar systems that will be found and studied with this amazing telescope.

Mather began with a short discussion of his background in Rutgers Lusscroft Farm – site of Early Nerds in Sussex County, N.J. He described it as a place a lot like Greenbelt, nestled into farmland. He began his fascination with space with a view of the northern lights and the Father Georges Lemaître and Albert Einstein controversy over the expanding universe that would later be known as the “Big Bang Theory.”

Cutting to 1974, Mather’s graduate project didn’t work to prove or disprove the Big Bang but with the 1957 launching of Sputnik and this new agency named NASA started in 1958 these physicists thought “why not try it from space.” The rest is history – the

history of the universe in fact – presented compactly on one vugraph, with results of the Cosmic Background Explorer developed in Greenbelt at Goddard in the 1980s and Wilkinson Microwave Anistropy Probe, a follow-on mission also developed at Goddard in the 1990s. Today Mather is NASA Chief Scientist and told us a bit about the fantastic telescopes in our future.

Many children were in the audience as well as the Knights and they asked the question “What was before the Big Bang?” Mather said that they are trying to figure that out but it didn’t leave that much evidence.

Sparks explained that St. Hugh’s has been doing the JASON Project in many places but that the Goddard scientists such as Dr. Marshall Shepherd, now the Global Precipitation Measurement Mission PI, and engineers such as Mike Comberiarte, aka “NASA Mike,” have visited St. Hugh’s to bring the upper atmospheric science in Hawaii and the wonders

of Antarctica to the kids.

There were many more questions and some answers but often more questions that night. On Saturday, July 14 there were more aeronautics with disc golf at Paint Branch Park. The Clune family from the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team showed off frisbees that were created to commemorate the 2007 Rocket Boosters Program. Family Science Night at the Goddard Visitor Center had an overnight experience. Many of the kids stayed over for the Rocket Shoot. At approximately 12:55 p.m. Haley Hilliard began her rendition of “America the Beautiful” on the flute. She was followed by Greenbelter Mary Loutsch who sang the “Star Spangled Banner” beautifully. With that, the NARHAMS group held up their end of the bargain and expertly ran a “duration of flight” contest that called for model rockets with good aerodynamic designs and careful parachute packing and a little luck with the wind.



Larry Hilliard, Jennifer Clune, Haley Hilliard and Rachel Clune holding commemorative frisbees at the Rocket Boosters 2007 disc golf event July 14. The frisbees helped collect donations for “Project Grenoble” Handicapped Access to Grenoble Hall.

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Knocking on GHI Doors For a Greener Greenbelt

by Frank DeBernardo

The next time you hear someone knocking on your GHI front door, it may well be someone from the Greener Greenbelt Initiative asking for your help.

The Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI) is going door-to-door in July for input toward planning for the cooperative’s next 30 years.

The GGI is a joint three-year project of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the American Institute of Architects-Potomac Valley Chapter (AIA-PVC). It aims to plan for Greenbelt’s 100th anniversary in 2037 by developing projects that enhance the community’s sustainability, livability, affordability and historic significance.

“The door-to-door campaign is just one part of the effort,” explained Jim Cohen, the GHI co-chair of the GGI. Central to the visioning process will be a charrette, a weekend-long consultation with citizens, architects, civic leaders and planners, scheduled for September 28 through 30 at Greenbelt Elementary School on Ridge Road.

The door-to-door representatives also will distribute copies of a survey on what the greatest concerns and hopes of residents are. Results will be used to help plan the charrette, noted Carl Elefante, the AIA-PVC co-chair of the GGI.

The survey and the charrette cover a wide range of domestic and social issues such as home

maintenance, energy conservation, transportation, ecological concerns, community amenities and economic development. “We want to know which issues affect people the most,” said Sylvia Lewis, GHI board president. At the charrette, issues will be discussed on four levels: the individual home unit, the GHI community as a whole, GHI’s place within the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt’s relationship to the larger metropolitan area.

The GGI will be involved in several other public projects this summer to invite citizen participation. Coming next, the GGI will be the focus of “Artful Architecture in the Afternoon” on Sunday, August 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Architects from AIA-PVC will conduct separate programs for children and adults to introduce them to architectural ideas and the process of the charrette.

The GGI will distribute copies of their informational brochure and survey at the Co-op Supermarket and other local businesses at the end of July.

Suzette Agans, GGI Communications/Outreach chair, put major importance on people feeling welcome and empowered to speak their message about the future of Greenbelt.

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